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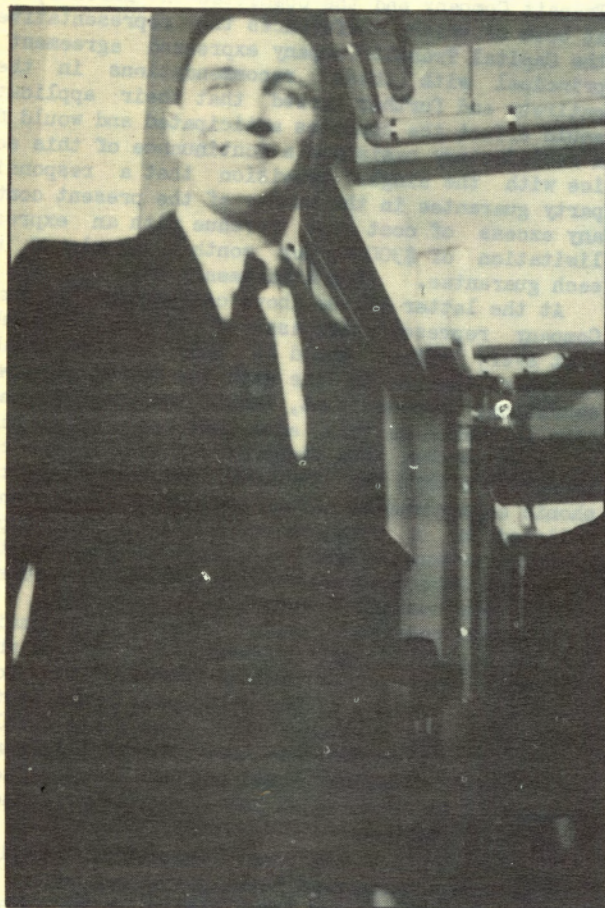
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GREENBELT, MARYLAND

FIVE CENTS

Transportation Protest Meeting Overflows Hall

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Walter Bierwagen, Greenbelt bus driver, speaks on technical questions at Protest Meeting.



Councilman East, and Chairman Bargas of Transportation Committee, in earnest discussion after the meeting.



Audience listens attentively to Sherrod East outlining proposes cooperative and municipal bus plans.



Dr. Joe W. Still on duty at the Health Center.

Text of Greenbelt's Protest to ICC

Gentlemen:

The Greenbelt Citizens Association, through its Transportation Committee, and in concurrence with a like action by the Council of the Town of Greenbelt, desires to enter protest with the Interstate Commerce Commission for the suspension of Supplement No. 1 to MP-ICC-No.62, which supplement cancels MF-ICC-No.62, effective April 8, 1939.

The above tariff MP-ICC-No. 62 was with respect to the present transportation service between Greenbelt, Prince Georges County, Maryland, and points in the District of Columbia, and was approved by the Commission on February 28, 1938.

Pending the expiration of the present service arrangements, this Committee made definite proposals to the Capital Transit Company for certain changes to be made in the service which would effect savings to an extent that would have induced the Two Government to guarantee costs over revenues based upon the application of those proposals to the present service, and in an amount not to exceed \$300.00 per month.

The Council of the Town of Greenbelt conferred with Capital Transit Company and placed itself on record in the above matter.

This Committee began its work in January, 1939, with only the view of effecting improvements in the schedule for the greater convenience of the citizens of Greenbelt, with an eye to incorporating these improvements in an extension which it was expected would be executed between Farm Security Administration and Capital Transit Company at the expiration of the present contract.

In the course of its investigations the Committee determined that the present contract was based upon uneconomical operations and excessive unit costs. The determination of these facts induced the Committee to propose further changes, the application of which would effect important economics, in operation. It was anticipated that by reason of these economics, and by increased patronage, induced by the improved schedule, operations could be carried on by Capital Transit Company without loss and without guarantee. (See attachment "A")

It was learned during the early days of March that Farm Security Administration was unable to extend its contract arrangement with Capital Transit Company due to a ruling by the Acting Comptroller General with respect to the legality of a guarantee to Capital Transit Company of payment of excess of cost over revenues.

During this period a survey had been commenced to ascertain the transportation requirements of the citizens of Greenbelt, and their attitude towards the Committee's published recommendations. Also, on March 6, 1939, the recommendations were approved in their entirety by the Citizens Association of Greenbelt. (See attachment "B")

The Committee further carried the recommendations to the Town Council, receiving its approval, and conferences were subsequently held between Capital Transit Company and the Committee on March 1, 1939, at both of which conferences the representative of the Capital Transit Company expressed agreement in principal with these recommendations in their entirety and further agreed that their application would effect the economies anticipated and would form a satisfactory basis for a continuance of this service with the single provision that a responsible party guarantee in the manner of the present contract any excess of cost over revenue with an expressed limitation of \$300.00 per month being placed upon each guarantee. (See attachment "C")

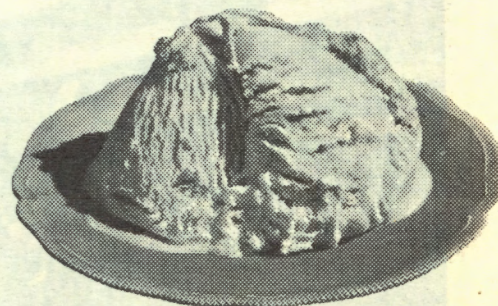
At the latter of the above conferences the Transit Company representative assured the Council members that every effort would be made to bring about necessary changes in line with the Committee's recommendations in order that, should the Council undertake to guarantee this agreement for a trial period of three months, they might expect such excess costs to remain within the \$300.00 limitation. By telephonic communication on the 25th of March, which was followed by a confirmatory letter, the Capital Transit Company informed the Council that, contrary to mutual expectations, savings could be expected in only a very nominal amount.

A second conference ensued between this Committee and the Capital Transit Company to determine why an estimated savings of nearly \$800.00 per month, previously agreed to in principal, could not be realized. The opinion of the Committee, resulting from this conference, was that the realization of its estimated savings could not be accomplished in opposition to costs which were obviously planned to defeat such purpose.

Having reached the point where both parties to the present arrangement have served notice of withdrawal therefrom and there being no satisfactory substitute service in view, the Committee is faced with no alternative but to urge the Commission to exercise its powers under Section 216(g) of the Motor Carrier Act of 1935.

Transportation Committee of the Greenbelt
Citizens Association

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Citizens Endorse Protest to ICC

Vigorous Discussion Points to Solution of Transport Problem

Seats were at a premium in the Social Room of the School last Thursday night, when a cross-section of Greenbelt's citizenry gathered in a protest meeting at the call of the Citizens Association. The issue, transportation, received thorough illumination at the hands of the speakers and during the discussion from the floor.

Frank Lastner, President of the Association introduced the members of the Transportation Committee, who received a generous round of applause for their labors. Joseph Bargas, the head of the committee and principal speaker of the evening, opened with an address outlining the background of the fight against Capital Transit, and read the text of the resolution which the Town Council and Citizens Association have sent to the Interstate Commerce Commission. (For full text see "Bargas' Speech" on next page.)

The audience supported the resolution viva voce, with but one dissenting vote. The ensuing discussion was led by Robert Porter, who delivered a prepared address. He stressed the contention that Capital Transit, through inadequate service, questionable book-keeping, and a general dictatorial attitude, has violated its trust. The solution he indicated was a municipally-owned system which would be supported by floating a bond issue. Porter indicated that a solution to the problem would either be found soon, or the purpose for which the town was built, low-cost housing for the lower incomes, would be defeated.

Several questions were asked of the Chair and answered by Allen Arness for the Committee. Hearty laughter greeted his pointed answer to a question about Capital Transit's statistics, as he remarked on the distinction between their "costs" and "losses."

Arness spoke briefly on a proposed cooperative bus system in the event that adequate service could not be secured from Capital Transit. No bond issue under the present plans, would be needed. Station wagons would be bought to haul small groups. The driver would be one of the riders, and the membership fee and weekly fare would pay all costs. There would be six round trips weekly; the small group, composed of people whose places of work were in the same general area, would get good service, making transfer privileges unnecessary. The investment would be amortized over a period of two years.

Councilman East spoke at some length on the municipal and the cooperative plans, and expressed some agreement with the latter. The municipal idea, both because of the bond issue question, and the time necessary to project the necessary plans for so large an undertaking, were considered untenable by East.

Walter Bierwagen, a Greenbelter and driver for Capital Transit, took the floor on several occasions to explain some of the technical aspects of the situation. He disagreed with a previous speaker on the feasibility of buying a cheaper, or lighter type of bus, citing excessive maintenance costs which had been encountered by others who had used them.

After some discussion on the advisability of maintaining closer contact with neighboring citizens' groups, the meeting was closed by President Lastner.



Rambling

By George F. Carnes

Open letter to Mayor Maurer and Councilman Morrison.
Dear Sirs:

Concerning the well baby clinic for which you voted::::: It is gratifying to find among our embryo politicians two men who are wary of reaching that stage of political amenability designatory of people who are inclined to respond too readily to concerted pressure applied by organizations. It is true enough that many inexperienced politicians have found that the "easy way" is to tie up with some powerful organization and follow its dictates, gradually losing that first spark of idealism which fired them with ambition to enter the arena on behalf of the people.

The hard way, that route, which good old Horatio Alger used to tell of, which required a large amount of intestinal fortitude to travel, is to face boldly the obvious disfavor of a highly organized group and throw in your gauntlet for the rag-tag and bob-tail. Of course, I suppose it does take quite a man to put himself on the spot just for a motley throng of people, who have no way of showing their appreciation except by an occasional, individual "thank you."

We, (me and the babies) have no criticism to make of the Health Association; we only bemoan the fact that three members of the city council accepted as a fact something which was purely conjectural. How could they have divined as truth the supposition that to do away with a well baby clinic would increase the membership of the Health Association? Some of us don't follow the line of reasoning these councilmen did. And, even if we were able to see that the organization would benefit by this action, we would not be convinced that public officials had any business meddling with the affairs of a private organization! It would seem that representatives of the people would be content to act as a referee and see that the organization was not hindered in any way by other vicious or unprincipled groups. To step out of this middle road is to invite favoritism into your midst!

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Bargas' Speech

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITIZENS ASSOCIATION March 30, 1939

Historically speaking, the town of Greenbelt and other like communities were set up to provide, not only adequate housing facilities for people in the lower income brackets, but also to provide an opportunity for these people to live and act in a truly democratic manner, to demonstrate that they are capable of exercising management and control in all matters pertaining to their common welfare.

To judge by the many safeguards provided for our guidance here in Greenbelt, it was obviously intended that no power should exploit these people but on the other hand that they should have every opportunity through organization and democratic processes to eventually control, in addition to their local government, all of those services and facilities which to make up their community.

The situation facing Greenbelt today cannot be stated simply as a fight for adequate transportation facilities, since it threatens to isolate our community and place a handicap upon its future progress. A public utility has undertaken to exploit this community as it has exploited others, and as it will continue to do, until stopped. Governmental agencies are set up to regulate such utilities but until the people in the affected communities arouse themselves to take issue, bringing to bear the full weight of their organized power and institute action, thereby focusing public attention on the exploitation, no benign power should be expected to intervene in their behalf.

As has been pointed out, the agencies to control this situation are set up, and the machinery set in motion by the activities of this committee. It remains now to be seen if the exploitation cannot be stopped here. It may develop that we do a service to our neighboring communities as well, by pointing the way to the formation of a united front in such matters of common interest and have a hand in the defeat of the exploiters.

At the last regular meeting of the Association, the committee reported certain estimated savings which might be effected by operation of its approved recommendations, if applied to the present service, and also upon the general attitude of our people toward these recommended changes.

As a direct result of the Association's approval of the above recommendations, the committee proceeded along two lines: first, to determine the possibility of having the present class of service continued without guarantee, by the Capital Transit Company, on the basis of recommended changes, and second, to determine the possibility of the town undertaking to contract for the service on the same basis.

As to the first possibility, the committee arrived at the very definite conclusion that the Capital Transit Company would not consider rendering this service without guarantee, under any circumstances; but it was found that the town council was willing to consider the second possibility, and it has proven not only willing but also desirous of providing transportation facilities, being limited only by its ability to so provide.

Having this possibility in view, various confer-

ences were held between representatives of this committee and of the town council on the one part, and the representatives of the Capital Transit Company on the other, reference to which are contained in attached papers which will be read as a part of this report.

The net results of these various conferences may well be summed up in the statement that the Capital Transit Company was unwilling to consider the proposals made by this committee and the town council, and were decidedly unreasonable in their demands.

The conclusions drawn from these circumstances left open two alternatives:

1. To bring the matter to the attention of Interstate Commerce Commission in order to force reasonable consideration of the proposals made.
2. To substitute for the present service, either a municipal or a cooperative system.

It may be stated here that since the Town Council has, at the instance of Mr. Robert Porter, undertaken to look into the feasibility of a municipal system, this committee has given but little thought to that angle, but it is considering the possibilities of the cooperative system, and expects to report definite findings shortly.

It was considered imperative, in view of the little time left, to follow the first alternative mentioned, that of protesting to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Since the committee holds the opinion that the present class of service can be rendered on the basis of its recommendations, at a cost to riders that is within the present fare level, with a reasonable profit resulting from the operation; and with the fact in mind that under the existing contract the Capital Transit Company has operated for the past year on a basis which provided guarantee of all costs. It was felt that some responsibility should rest upon the carrier in this case to provide this service for a trial period, at reasonable rates. It was further felt that the efforts of Capital Transit Company to invalidate the estimated savings contemplated by managing their estimated costs, should not go unchallenged.

It was, therefore, with these thoughts in mind that the committee urged that the matter be placed before the Interstate Commerce Commission for adjudication.

This committee in concurrence with the town council, and acting in the name of the Greenbelt Citizens Association, has entered a protest with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the discontinuance of the present service. It is suggested that this body, by resolution, request all civic organizations in Greenbelt to communicate with the Interstate Commerce Commission in support of this action.

Transportation Committee,
J.E. Bargas, Chairman.

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Meditations

by
Robert Lee Kincheloe
Minister to the
Greenbelt Community Church

Willard L. Sperry, who for the past three articles has been the mainstay of our meditations, will have this last opportunity to contribute to our thinking. His brief paragraphs on the Hope of Immortality could hardly be improved upon; and I share them with you in the hope that they may find a vital place in your thoughts at this Easter time.

"Christians have often been charged with a kind of spiritual selfishness because of their belief in personal immortality. The charge is unjust.

"The average Christian is far more concerned to know that the lives of the good and great and the lives of those whom he has loved and lost, are not ended with death, than he is to prove his own immortality.

"But beyond all this the Christian founds his faith in the life hereafter upon his thought of God. He accepts, impersonally, the truth that 'God created man to be immortal, and made him to be an image of his own eternity! What we believe about immortality is not an independent article of our creed; it follows from the Christian conception of God. Whether we even desire immortality or not is almost beside the mark. In ways which we cannot define, or even imagine, life immortal is for the Christian part of the whole fabric of a divinely ordered universe. The substance of the Easter story is what we should expect of One who is 'not the God of the dead, but of the living.' Therefore, uncourious and untroubled, we confront the mystery of the hereafter with quiet confidence, saying, 'With God be the rest.'

Prayer: "Almighty and Eternal God, who willest that we should have life and have it abundantly, fit us for that life more abundant than any we now know, which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, but which Thou dost prepare for them that love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church will hold its first Easter fellowship Communion this evening (Thursday) at 8:00 in the Social Room. Members and friends of the Church are cordially invited to this Service. Though our Church is very young, it is through mediums of fellowship and worship, as this, that our group will, in time, truly, begin to make its significant contribution to the welfare of Greenbelt.

Our Easter Services will begin at 9:30 Sunday morning with the Church School responsible for a program appropriate for the Day. At 11:00 the Worship Service is scheduled to start, and the Community is invited to participate with us at that time.

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GREENBELT HEBREW CONGREGATION

The usual Friday night services of the Hebrew Congregation were graced by the presence of the Rev. Leo J. Fealey of the Berwyn Catholic Church, who delivered the main address of the evening.

The devotions were conducted by Rabbi Elsborg and Mr. Gerst as lay reader.

Father Fealey then addressed himself to the congregation on the subject of the "Inalienable Rights of Man" and his thesis was that true democracy is based on the individual acceptance of the principles that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are the God-given rights of our neighbors. If we protect those, we will have a democracy. But neither the State, as supreme authority, nor man as an individual, can either confer or curtail these rights. The Constitution of the United States as such does not confer these rights, for should some subversive force destroy the Constitution, our rights will still exist, coming from an indestructible higher source.

The address was logically developed and convincingly presented. Rabbi Elsborg expressed the sincere appreciation of the congregation for Father Fealey's kindness in attending, and voiced the belief that while the Christian Congregations will rally to aid the Jewish ones in times of stress, the true democracy expressed in the address would continue to exist.

The services tomorrow night will feature Town Manager Roy S. Braden as the speaker of the evening. All townspeople are invited to attend.

LATTER DAY SAINTS CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church will be favored in having Elder Cleon Skousen in attendance to give the Easter Service Sermon. Elder Skousen is a well-known teacher within the church and has served as a missionary in England. He is noted for his practical, picturesque and authentic scriptural portrayals. Special musical numbers and other Easter arrangements will be fitting to the program. Services commence at 8:00 P.M. in the Social Room.

Cottage meeting will be held Friday evening at 9:00 P.M. in the home of Mr. William Murdock, 56-G Crescent Road. Electrical transcription number six on "The Fulness of Times" will be presented.

Relief Society meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Ray Van Leuven, 11-H Ridge Road, Thursday evening at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Leuven will present a theology lesson. The public is invited to all meetings and no collections will be taken.

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Salt o' the Earth

by
Dorothy Salter

Ho-hum! The things you can blame on Spring Fever! Indolence, procrastination, fatigue, or, in good old plain American, just downright laziness!!!!!! In any case, "Salt O' The Earth" is flat this week, but it isn't that I'm lazy, oh no!! It's just that very prevalent malady, to which no one (dispute me if you dare) is immune-----Spring Fever.

Ladies, aren't interested in anything but clothes now anyway!! And by the way, did you see Mrs. Alpher Monday afternoon??? She has my personal nomination for the smartest looking woman I've seen this week!! With those stripes and tricky hat, she looked like a page out of "Vogue."

The most humorous highlight this week, in my opinion anyway, was the experience of two local "heads of the family" who set a field afire to burn off the brush and then had to be rescued by the fire department!!!!!! Didn't you feel heroic telling that to "Junior"!!!! Maybe my sense of humor is perverted. I guess it wasn't so funny viewed from the receiving end!!!

Apologies to the (gentleman???). I "annoyed" in the Post Office the other evening by paying my box rent during rush hour!!!! How inconsiderate of me!

Mrs. Abele is in California.

Mrs. LeMay, Ridge Road, entertained at a bridge party at her home Wednesday night. Two tables played and "That Thelma Snyder" won high score prize for the "ump-teenth" time!!!!!! Mrs. LeMay won low. The hostess served a delicious salad course.

Friends around Greenbelt have learned with mingled

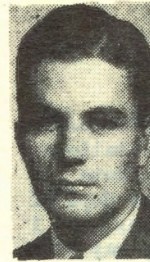
feelings of joy and dismay about the Clifford Phillips' being transferred. Dismay at losing two such good friends, and joy at their good luck to be transferred home. Here's to the "Best of luck"!!

Mrs. Margolis of New York is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mrs. "Bernie" Margolis, 18-F Parkway Road.

Miss Rene LaValle of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Phillips, Parkway Road.

Well, guess that's all. But I warned you - "Ho-hum" - Spring Fever-----

Dr. Still Appears In Motion Picture Here



Dr. Still

Dr. Joe W. Still, physician on the staff of the Greenbelt Health Association, who completed his training in obstetrics at King's County Hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., two years ago, and was afterwards resident surgeon there, will be seen on the screen of the Greenbelt Theater, April 16 and 17 in the March of Time's currently significant release, "Men of Medicine."

The March of Time film, which attempts objective depiction of inescapable economic barriers confronting the average doctor today, is billed with the feature production, "A Man to Remember," starring Edward Ellis and Ann Shirley.

Because of the timeliness of both pictures in relation to modern medical questions, and their reported excellence as drama, the Greenbelt Health Association is holding a theater party at both performances.

Dr. Still, who takes the part of the young interne, "Dr. Gibson," in "Men of Medicine," is a former football star of the University of Nebraska, and was graduated from the Medical School there in 1936.

He was a delegate to the President's National Health Conference in Washington last June, and at one time was vice-president of the Interne Council of America, the largest interne organization in the United States. He is the author of a thesis on "American Medico-Economic Problems."

In regard to Greenbelt, Dr. Still has said, "I have followed the growth of Greenbelt, in the news, since its blue print days, and see in it significant possibilities for widespread, inexpensive distribution of medical care on a cooperative basis."

Before becoming a physician, Dr. Still had worked for the Federal Land Bank Cooperative Credit Association, and had also been foreman for the U.S. Steel and American Bridge Company.

Following six months active service in the C.C.C. camp at Nevis, Minnesota, as a first lieutenant of the U. S. Army Medical Reserve Corps, Dr. Still came to Brooklyn, N.Y., where for one year he was a rotating interne at King's County Hospital and for a year and a half was resident surgeon. During that period he was an assistant instructor in surgery of the Long Island Medical College.

At the time of the Munich crisis he was ship's surgeon of the S.S. Washington, which was then docked in Le Havre, and it is reported that he was recognized on the streets of that city as the man who had played in the March of Time film.

Tickets for the performance of "Men of Medicine" and "A Man to Remember" may now be obtained at the Greenbelt Health Association office, 30-D Ridge Road.

C.O.C. BOX SCORE

According to the Treasurer's books at the close of office hours, Friday, March 31:

Subscribers.....	500
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The Cooperative Organizing Committee election meeting, beginning promptly at 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 12th, will feature a dance given in honor of Mr. Robert Jacobsen, retiring manager of Greenbelt's stores, and of Mr. Sulo Laakso, who has been appointed to fill the post left vacant by Mr. Jacobsen's resignation. In honor of the occasion, Price Hartley's orchestra has volunteered to provide the music without charge, and admission will be free.

The death of his father has made it necessary for Mr. Jacobsen to return to Minneapolis to take over his father's business. All who know Mr. and Mrs. Jacobsen - and that includes 'most everyone' in Greenbelt - know that their departure will be a great loss, both to the stores and to the community.

Besides supervision the formation and operation of all our stores, managing the drug store, assisting the Cooperative Organizing Committee in learning about stores in general and cooperatives in particular, and exemplifying before the people of Greenbelt the unselfish and untiring devotion typical of outstanding cooperative leaders, and in no small part accountable for the growth of cooperatives, - besides these things, Bob found time for many community activities, including service on Greenbelt's first Town Council. Mrs. Jacobsen, too, contributed an important part in numerous community activities, assisting in the formation and direction of the Women's Gym Classes, and helping in the work of the Community Church, the Baby Clinic, the Girl Scouts, and The Better Buyers Club.

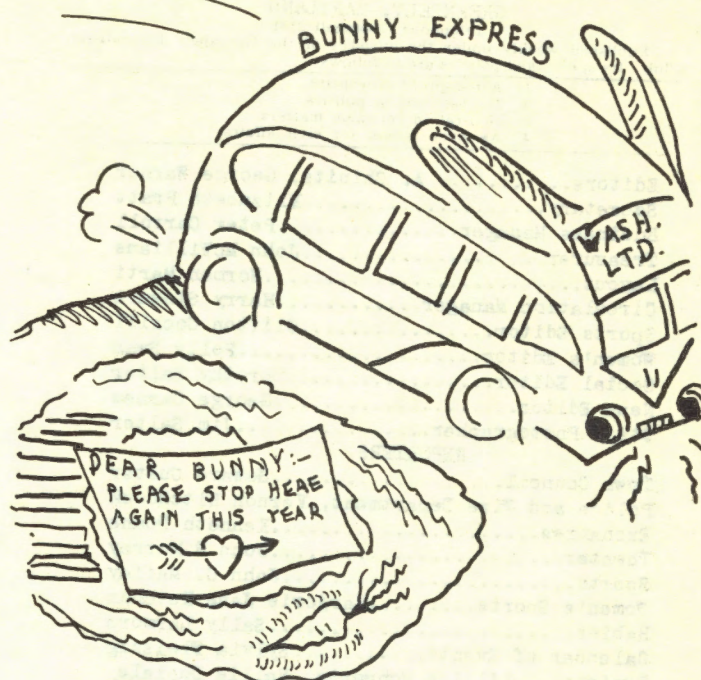
Mr. and Mrs. Jacobsen plan to leave Greenbelt on about the fifteenth of April.

Sharing the honors of the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Sulo Laakso. Mr. Laakso, whose record in directing the Greenbelt Food Store has been outstanding, attracting the attention of cooperative leaders in many parts of the country, was selected by Consumer Distribution Corporation, with the unanimous approval of the Cooperative Organizing Committee, to take over the position left vacant by Mr. Jacobsen's resignation. Mr. Laakso has had sixteen years experience in both cooperative and chain stores, has managed stores for First National Stores, for the United Cooperative Society of Maynard, Mass., for the Cooperative Trading Association of Brooklyn, and for Consumer Cooperative Services. Mrs. Laakso has taken a leading part in the activities of the Better Buyers Club, and has assisted in other community activities, including the Health Association and the Baby Clinic.

The featured speaker on the program will be Representative B. J. Gehrman of Wisconsin. Representative Gehrman is a Progressive. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1934, after serving in municipal posts, in the Wisconsin State Assembly, and in the State Senate. Representative Gehrman is president of the American Society of Equity, an agricultural organization. In Wisconsin he has observed the growth of many of America's foremost cooperatives, and he has seen how they have faced the problems that the citizens of Greenbelt, as owners of their own stores, soon must face.

At this meeting the people of Greenbelt will choose four members of the C.O.C. from among the following candidates nominated at the last Citizens

Greenbelt's Easter Bunny



Association Meeting: Mesdames Gail Harper, Bertha Maryn and Messrs. Joe Loftus, Tessie Zorach, Allen Arness, Lester Hayes, Bernard Jones.

Each of the candidates will make a three minute talk at the meeting, by way of introducing himself to the gathering and presenting his qualifications and objectives if elected.

GREENBELT RADIO CLUB

The Radio Club met last Friday for a short session of theory. Preceding Carl Johnston's discussion of the superheterodyne receiver, Mr. Reno discussed the practical engineering and design aspects of transmitter and receiver stations, as exemplified in a set of blue prints covering an actual modern radio station design.

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Let's Not Be Iscariots

There is no lie half so cruel as the lie of insinuation -- no truth so devastating as a half-truth.

Malicious falsehoods and criminal slander must be accepted as inevitable from those individuals and groups outside of Greenbelt whose hearts beat in their pocketbooks and whose versions of democracy are confined to government by the "superior for the inferior". On the other hand there can be little sympathy for the current campaign of back-fence gossip, being feverishly pursued within our midst, with the obvious intent to undermine and sabotage the work of the local cooperatives.

Characteristic "tall tales" being currently circulated are: "The Co-op sells inferior products". "The Consumer Distribution cooperative is not here for its health." "The Health Association constitutes an insidious and powerful lobby." "The Council are puppets." "The COOPERATOR is a rank propaganda sheet and, my dear, deals in the wrong brand of propaganda." "The local organizations are in the hands of nincompoops and yes-men, when they could really profit from brains like mine."

Now, dear friends, is it not a fact that all organizations which have been brought into being within the four walls of Greenbelt have been careful to preserve within themselves the instruments of democratic control. No restrictions have been placed in the by-laws of any of them to exclude any resident from full and active participation in their affairs and an equal voice in their management. All of them depend, for their success on individual counsel and guidance and all have earnestly solicited advice and support.

Obviously, if our Cooperatives are to be successful, it is incumbent upon each member of the community to play an active part in their development provided, of course, he believes in those principles of cooperation designed to expand the tenets

of democracy into the economic field. Those who lack the necessary degree of confidence in themselves and in each other so vital to the cooperative method of getting things done should by the same token, not support them.

Can it be too much to expect from those who enjoy its benefits, that, having voluntarily become a resident of a cooperative community, they refrain from the circulation of falsehoods and, if not disposed to join in the cheering, at least have the good sportsmanship to watch the experiment flower and grow, or run itself into the ground, without let or hindrance, but without benefit of slander?

G.A.W.

On the Question of Credit

As providing something substantial to think about in respect to the question of credit we take the liberty of reprinting below a guest editorial which appeared in the March 25 issue of the "Cooperative Builder."

"One of the great arguments that the old-line business people sometimes put up against the cooperative system is the fact that they gave credit. They put on the sob act that after they have carried so many people for such a long time, cruel advocates of the new order come along and promote cooperatives which do not give credit.

"Now, the amazing thing about it is that credit is just as bad in private business as it is in cooperative business and the simple way to understand this is to ask ourselves where the money comes from for this credit of the old-line merchandisers. Most of these, as everybody knows, at least the founders of the business, started without money. Many of the greatest business men of North America started on the proverbial shoe string. They did not bring any capital to the business and therefore could not give any credit. They acquired their capital by the business process. There is only one place they could get that capital, since they are not endowed with the supreme power of creation, and that is from the people.

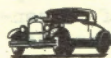
"Now the people who do not pay their bills do not contribute to a business. It is quite plain that those who pay their bills turn in the capital. Those who pay, therefore, are really the people who are paying for the bad bills. They also are the Santa Claus that enables the merchant to do this gracious and altruistic act of extending credit.

"One would think that common sense people would revolt against the assumption on the part of business men that they are the soft-hearted philanthropists who come to the aid of the people when they are in an economic jam.....--The Extension Bulletin, St. F. X. University."

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Johnny Lyons

19-J Ridge Road

Greenbelt

Letters to Editor

FOR MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION

I should like to answer Mr. Bordenet's charges as quoted in the COOPERATOR March 30, 1939.

First of all, I would like to substantiate my own well-founded opinion that Capital Transit Company won't ever furnish Greenbelt with adequate transportation. They have already stated that under no circumstances will they give Greenbelt limited service. That means we will either be served by the Beltsville car line or an extended bus service from East Riverdale. Over either of these two lines it will require $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ hours for a person in Greenbelt to get to the Federal Triangle in Washington where a large part of Greenbelt residents work. This is not adequate service. When it is plain that a municipal service could carry a passenger to this same area in one-half of the time thus saving $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours of wasted time each day without the need of transfers. That is adequate service. Aren't lines from Virginia and another part of Maryland serving thousands of people adequately daily without transfers. Much emphasis has been placed on this transfer privilege when in reality it speaks ill of any transit system that requires people to transfer one or two times to get to the heart of a town. Consider our own position if they serve us continuously with shuttle bus service to Berwyn or on the East Riverdale line. In order to get to the Federal Triangle without transferring twice a person would have to leave his house at 7:30 in the morning to get to the Bureau of Engraving by 9:00. Is that adequate transportation when it doesn't take any more time to travel from Baltimore to the same destination and which also means traveling three times farther than we travel daily?

Mr. Bordenet claims that a municipal service would cost more to the patrons. He certainly is not basing his opinion on any facts, because I have enough concrete data to prove it will cost less. I maintain that a municipal service with a route that serves the Federal Triangle and as far west as 21st Street, N. W., would serve at least 500 of our residents. I also maintain that at \$1.50 for 12 trips (a round trip daily for six days) there would be sufficient revenue to operate a municipal service with service during the day besides. After all that is what the people of Greenbelt need from both a practical and economical standpoint.

As proof that Mr. Bordenet has not seriously considered the facts about a municipal service he cites as his second point of criticism that a municipal service would of necessity run all the way into Washington, presumably all the time. This, is true of the rush hour trips. That would be the backbone of the service, but not of the trips during the day when they could be limited to the district line for a proportionate less fare. Then a person could go anywhere in Washington for less fare than Capital Transit is charging, and in many cases in less time.

As a third point of argument Mr. Bordenet claims that the trips during the day would be few in order to keep costs low. It is quite plain that at least four full-time drivers would be required to help maintain an adequate municipal service and that by law they are required to work a continuous number of hours. In view of the fact that they will be on duty the number of trips during the day will be based on the gas and oil consumption only. This expense in any bus service is only a small portion of the total cost of operation.

In concluding, Mr. Bordenet claims that persons desiring a municipal service have a blind prejudice against Capital Transit. Mr. Webster says that prejudice means "prejudgment without due consideration." It appears, then, that a person making statements about something of which he knows very little is very prejudiced. The logic I hold for maintaining a municipal service is based on facts and figures. Can Mr. Bordenet say as much for his points of argument? As for municipally-owned services operating at a loss, I would like to point out that there are numerous services of this type operating in the United States, large and small, and none to my knowledge are operating at a loss.

I would like to call to mind what it will cost Greenbelt residents for the so-called "adequate" transportation service of Capital Transit. If the East Riverdale line is extended to Greenbelt or if we are served by a shuttle bus to Berwyn either will eventually cost a patron of that service \$3.00 a week. Why? Maryland Public Service Commission is now considering, and in all probability will pass on the elimination of the weekly pass in Maryland. Since we are destined to be in the third Maryland zone, it will mean that a single trip will cost 34¢ cash, or for a weekly rider it will mean \$1.80 in 5¢ zone fares and \$1.25 for a Washington pass besides. I claim a municipal service giving 500 patrons six day commuting service can be operated and will result in a yearly savings to these patrons of approximately \$38,000. Capital Transit talks in terms of red figures while my logic is based on much higher black figures. That is why it may appear that I am prejudiced against Capital Transit. At least that is better than being prejudiced against those who would like to see a permanent, dependable and adequate transportation service between Greenbelt and Washington that is in keeping with their low income budgets.

Robert R. Porter

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Following are Dr. Berenberg's and Dr. Still's office hours at the Medical Center:

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**SPECTOR, DEPARTING PRESIDENT, HONORED
DEJAGER NEW BOWLING LEAGUE HEAD**

A special meeting of the Greenbelt Duckpin Bowling League was held Wednesday evening, March 29 at 2-T Gardenway Road, the home of the League Secretary, S. Hartford Downs.

Fred DeJager, in his usual capable manner, acted as Chairman of the meeting, and presented a handsome walnut plaque, containing three bronze plates suitably embossed, to Charles J. Spector, retiring president of the Bowling League. "Chuck" had given freely of his time and efforts toward the organizing and promotion of the popular sport enjoyed by a goodly number of Greenbeltians. We will miss him here, but wish him all the success and happiness in his former "home town", New York City.

The vacancy created by the departure of Mr. Spector was filled by the election of Fred DeJager, the vote being by acclamation. Plans were considered and discussed for the "Roll off" of the Block representative teams which is to be held on or about April 22. Awarding of championship prizes for the winners of the various events will be made at a banquet, the time and place yet to be decided upon.

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The Greenbelt Athletic Club Volleyball League assembled last Friday night, March 31st, for the purpose of struggling through the fifth round of league competition.

In the first two games, the Barons came to life and won their first game, defeating the lowly Creepers, while the Centipedes continued their winning ways by taking the measure of the Etons. Then the two leading teams, the Jayhawks and the Buicks, took the floor, and it was another victory for the "J" Block boys. They have not lost a single game. During this same time the Drakes tackled the Airmasters, and the result was a win for the Drakes.

At 9 P.M. the Jaybirds played the Creepers, while the Cougars tackled the Barons, and the Jaybirds and the Barons emerged victorious, the Barons scoring their second win of the evening. In the last two games, the Centipedes won their second straight, defeating the Buicks, while the Etons scored a victory over the Airmasters.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.
Jayhawks	7	0	1.000
Jaybirds	6	1	.858
Drakes	6	2	.750
Centipedes	6	2	.750
Buicks	5	3	.625
Etons	5	4	.555
Airmasters	2	6	.250
Barons	2	6	.250
Creepers	1	8	.111
Cougars	0	8	.000

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Taking advantage of a seemingly "let down" set of Beavers, the Jeeps came thru with a pretty exhibition of bowling to take all three games by wide margins. It was a team that clicked all the way, and never once failed to break the pace set early in the first game. McGoldrick's double-header strike was the highlight of the set, followed closely by Captain Araujo's three game total of 350.

After several disastrous Saturdays the Drakes behind the pace set by "Prez" DeJager eaked out a two game win over the hard drawing Cobras. This victory places them within striking distance of second place money.

The Cardinals took a timely two game victory from the Alligators which tended to strengthen their hold on fourth place considerably. Meanwhile the Eagles, behind the consistent bowling of their Captain Hitchcock, were making life miserable for "B" Jones and his bears by taking the odd game in a fashion befitting the four stalwarts composing the "Birds" team for the afternoon.

BOWLING LEAGUE SCORES

	WON	LOST
Beavers	52	26
Cobras	47	31
Drakes	45	33
Cardinals	40	38
Jeeps	35	43
Alligators	35	43
Eagles	30	48
Bears	29	49

Hi team set - Beavers 1573; Jeeps 1551; Drakes 1530.
Hi team game - Beavers 564; Drakes 544; Cobras and Jeeps 539.
Hi ind. average- Temple 116-24; Araujo 104-15; DeJager 103-28.
Hi ind. set - Meek 387; Temple 383; DeJager 354.
Hi ind. game - MacEwen 142; Temple 141; Araujo and Brown 140.
Hi ind. strikes- Temple 36; Lastner 32; Brown 28.
Hi ind. spares - Temple 208; DeJager 148; Brown 133.

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BASKETBALL LEAGUE

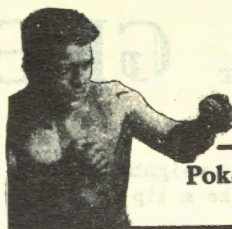
The Greenbelt Athletic Club Basketball team closed its season with F.B.I. last Saturday night. The score was F.B.I.-52, and Greenbelt-33. During the season the G.A.C. Basketball team won 21 games and lost 11. Since this is the first season the boys should be given a lot of credit, and we hope that next year will produce a fast clicking team.

BOX SCORE

GREENBELT	P.G.	F.T.	PTS.	F.B.I.	F.G.	F.T.	PTS.
Cain	4	0	8	Thompson	5	1	11
Barker	1	1	3	Jones	2	0	4
McDonald	3	1	7	Belmont	1	0	2
Wurl	0	0	0	Robinson	1	3	5
Blanchard	2	0	4	Waters	7	0	14
Bozek	4	0	8	Lynch	8	0	16
Giersch	1	1	3	Johnson	0	0	0

YEARLY AVERAGES

PLAYER	GAMES	F.G.	F.T.	PTS.
Cain	25	85	20	190
Bozek	29	74	31	175
Giersch	28	67	16	150
McDonald	17	52	9	113
Abrahams	28	51	11	113
Wurl	20	50	12	112
Blanchard	21	34	4	72
Barker	21	23	8	54
Marack	17	21	7	49
Holochwest	20	19	1	39
Sanchez	14	8	1	17



Pokes & Jabs

John Martone

Members of the Greenbelt Athletic Club engaged in a heated battle of words, registered an unprecedented number of squawks and plowed knee-high in petty gibbering at their general meeting last Wednesday night. ("Et tu Brutus".)

Needless squabbles, a confusion of motions, amendments, negative irrelevancies prompted one of its better known members to sever connection with the organization.

Evidence and proof at the general conclave of has-been athletes gave support to the statement that some boys never grow up.

The original intent motives and objectives of the Athletic Club seem to have been distorted and lost through the seepings of bitter block rivalry. The spirit of fair play, good sportsmanship in organized competitive games have been laid aside for block aspiration and individual spotlight endeavors.

The unwillingness on the part of some members to cooperate for the physical welfare and interest for the greatest number of the active members in the Athletic Association reflects on the selfish interest of those who advocate special privileges for competitive teams that are an integral part of the organization.

The Athletic Club by effort of its charter members, its past and present office-holders, has accomplished praiseworthy work for the athletically minded people of Greenbelt. Through unity of accord in the past, (though as pointed out it now becomes questionable) the true spirit of cooperative endeavor has been given impetus and successful encouragement that proves its purposes could be achieved.

The writer has never been in accord with the idea of awarding trophies to the winning teams, but rather would like to see the awarding of cups (or what have you) to the outstanding player in the major activities of the organization, and to those members who through unselfish interest do most for the benefit of the organization and its members. There is no need for petty squabbles - wrangling over unimportant issues, but there is evidently a need for greater self-discipline and control and more respect and consideration for the office-holders who unselfishly devote their time to the betterment of the organization.

My hat is off to Ex-president George Bauer, it stays off for John Messner, present active president, and to all the other past and present office-holders.

BASEBALL TICKET WINNERS

The holders of the lucky numbers for the three sets of box seats to the Opening Game of the Baseball Season at Griffith Stadium were Mr. F. L. Timmon, 1407 G St., S. E., Washington, D. C.; Mrs. A. L. Halley, 62-B Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.; and Mrs. E. Thomas, 3234 Walnut St., N. E., Washington, D. C.

The drawing took place last Friday night, March 31, 1939, at the School Gym after the Volleyball Games. The lucky stubs were pulled out of the box by Mrs. W. Neblett, Mrs. J. McWilliams, and Mrs. B. Williams.

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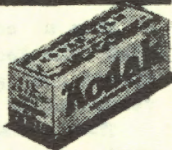


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Consumers need to know what their rights are, and what to do if they suspect their rights are being violated. New York City's Weights and Measures Bureau chief tells them. Over the municipal broadcasting station, every Saturday morning from 8:15 to 8:30, he takes up one aspect of the weights and measures problem.

First time it was a general introduction to the consumer's stake in weights and measures enforcement. Coal was the second subject, and specific information was given coal buyers so they could make sure they were getting every ton they paid for.

The Saturday morning programs go by the general title of "Let the Buyer Beware."

"By exposing weights and measures practices that cheat the buyer," say New York officials, "We not only further stretch the purchasing power of the consumer's dollar, but also eliminate unfair competition for the honest seller." The series ties in with the five-morning-a-week talks on the best food buys of the day also given by the city's Department of Markets.

MY SPORTS DIARY

Dear Diary:

It looks as though Tuesday is going to be a regular session with volleyball now in season. The women are all steamed up over the idea of the volleyball team under Mrs. Allen's and Doris' guidance. Already there are two teams lined up against us. Don't let me forget to report Tuesday night at 6:30.....

Thursday night after seeing a review of the Life of Louis Pasteur, I came back to the present and stopped in at gym.....Oh yes, I was to report on the Thursday night I missed. Well-----from what I hear Doris and Toni started a modern dance class with the members of the normalizing group.

As usual the regular games were entered into and from all reports everyone had a swell time. There were a few new faces there and the game that seemed to fascinate them all was and is badminton.

This Thursday night, badminton and volleyball took up most of the evening. When a certain ten o'clock scholar got there, on the mat to the left were tired normalizers relaxing in all imaginable comfortable positions. The first net was the volleyball net and it was a case of Old MacDonald had a farm, it was "here a scream, there a scream everywhere a scream, scream." Weren't they enjoying themselves. Farther on down the room are the two badminton courts with the beginners playing on one and the oldsters on the other.....(after what happened maybe I had better start all over again on the beginner's court). Well, enough is enough for once in awhile.

It seems as though this column is getting shortermaybe, it is all for the best.....you know, good for you, having less to read, good for me for having less to write.....wasn't that puny? It is a pleasure writing for you all and I hope my cranial case clears up enough next week to give you really something to read.....

Still your correspondent,
Marjorie Jane Ketcham.

MRS. GULLIBLE AWAKENS
B. Maryn

Bleaching Fluids

Spring is here and so is spring house-cleaning. Cleansers, soaps, bleaching agents and the like occupy a prominent place in the shopping list.

Let us take the bleaching fluids. Like every other commodity, competition has seen to it that the consumer has several brands to choose from. Not only a variety of brands but prices as well. Which shall it be? Which is the best buy?

The intelligent shopper has by this time learned to read labels. True enough, very often labels are as informative as the Sphinx, but in the case of bleaching fluids of the Clorox type there is definite information on the label.

Bleaching agents of this type have the following information:

Active ingredient--Sodium Hypochlorite 5.25%
Inactive ingredient 94.75

In other words the stuff that does the actual work (bleaching, cleaning, etc.) is the sodium hypochlorite, the rest - inactive ingredient is merely the agent that holds or contains the active ingredient.

Here the awakened consumer can draw her own conclusions.

If the ingredients on the label on one brand are the same as on another and in the same proportions, what advantage is there in paying more? The intelligent choice would be the MOST you can get for your money.

BOOKS BETTER BUYERS ARE READING

WHY KEEP THEM ALIVE? -- Paul DeKruif

A physician discovers that scientific discoveries and achievements mean very little to those who cannot afford them.

FORTY MILLION GUINEA PIG CHILDREN -- Dr. I. Alpher and Ruth Lynn Palmer

A must for every parent.

IF I HAD FOUR APPLES -- Josephine Lawrence

An amusing expose of installment plans and the havoc they play with the American family of moderate means.

A "FAMOUS FIRST" FOR CONSUMERS

It's a consumer headliner when for the first time the Federal Trade Commission goes into the courts and gets an injunction against further advertising of a drug dangerous to health.

That's what happened recently when F.T.C. attorneys secured an injunction against further advertising of a weight reducing remedy distributed by a Chicago firm, reports the CONSUMER'S GUIDE, publication of the Consumers' Counsel Division of the AAA. Use of the drug, the Commission found, may prove injurious to health and eyesight.

"To prevent the advertising of this drug, the Federal Trade Commission exercised its new powers under the Wheeler-Lea Amendment to the original FTC Act and for the first time went to court for an injunction," the GUIDE declares.

"All advertisements of the drug were stopped under the injunction until the issuance of the recent Cease and Desist Order by the FTC, which continues the prohibition and makes it permanent, unless reversed by the courts."

HOME MAKING

by
Mabel Bessemer

SURPRISE POTATO BALLS

Boil six potatoes. Mash and season generously with butter, but very little milk. When cold, form into balls around 1 inch cubes of cheese, and roll in crumbled cornflakes. Let stand in refrigerator at least three hours. Heat balls in oven and serve piping hot. The cheese center will be soft and melted and the cornflakes make the outside a lovely brown. These may be prepared the day before. If hot potatoes are used, the balls flatten out into cakes.

BOILED SALAD DRESSING

Fundamental Recipe:

4 T. sugar	4 egg yolks
1/3 c. strained lemon juice	4 T. sifted flour
1 1/2 c. boiling water	1 t. salt
1 t. mustard	1/8 t. red pepper

Mix and sift dry ingredients. Add water gradually, stirring constantly. Cook in double boiler until thick and smooth. Beat yolks lightly; add cooked mixture slowly. When well blended, return to double boiler; cook one minute; add lemon juice; beat well.

VARIATIONS OF ABOVE RECIPE:

1. Add one cup whipped cream to cold dressing.
2. Add one-half cup of thick sour cream or milk to cold dressing.
3. Add one-third cup pineapple juice with the lemon juice. When cold, thin with cream, plain or whipped.
4. Add juice of two oranges with lemon juice.
5. Add one-third cup peach or pear juice with lemon juice.
6. Add eight marshmallows or two tablespoons of marshmallow cream.
7. Omit sugar and add one-third cup strained honey.

TUTTI-FRUTTI ICE

2 c. strained apricot pulp	1 pt. ginger ale
3/4 c. orange juice	1/2 c. honey
1/4 c. lemon juice	2 egg whites
	1/8 t. salt

Combine apricot pulp with fruit juices, honey and ginger ale. Freeze in frigidaire tray to a mush consistency. Fold in stiffly beaten egg-whites and continue freezing until firm.

BERENBERG JOINS COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Samuel R. Berenberg of the Greenbelt Health Association was admitted to membership in the Prince George's County Medical Society last week.

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The Better Buyers Group #13 had, at their weekly meeting on Monday, a farewell luncheon for Mrs. Jacobsen at the home of Mrs. Freeman, 23-G Ridge Road, who was hostess. The lunch was prepared by the different members who worked in pairs. There was a great deal of chatter and laughter and everyone had a delightful time. Mrs. Jacobsen was presented with a dainty satin bed jacket from the group. Those present were Mrs. Laakso, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Allred, Mrs. Pfendergast, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Mielke, Mrs. Benefiel, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Kellam, Mrs. Hodsdon and Mrs. Jacobsen.

BRIDGE NEWS

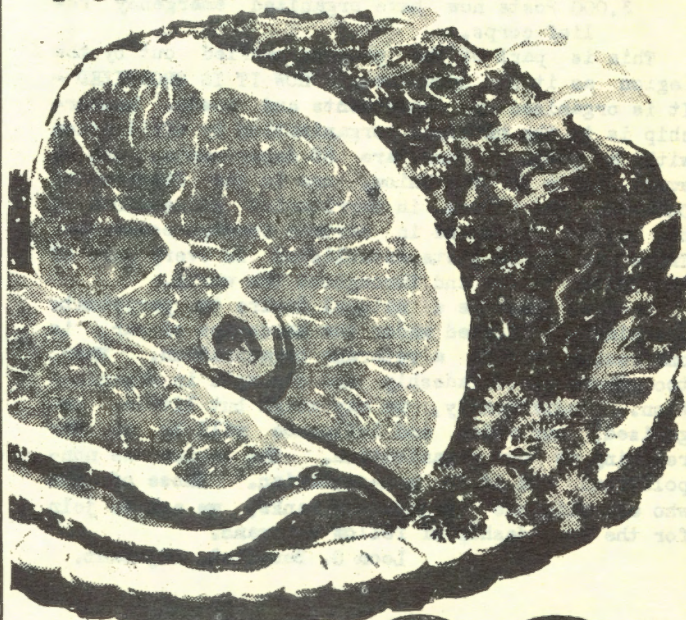
The Duplicate Bridge Club met last Tuesday in the Hobby Room. Here are the results:

	Match Pts.	Handicap	Net
1. Dr. Mobilis & Mrs. Gray	47	0-0	47.00
2. Mrs. Havens & Mrs. Greene	44	10%-7.2%	36.80
3. Mrs. Wilson & Miss Collier	35 1/2	0-0	35.50
4. Mr. Markfield & Dr. Trieman	36	1%-0.72%	35.28

The final tabulation does not tell the complete story. Three teams were out of the running due to the handicap system, which is beginning to take its toll.

Five tables participated in the play. We would like to have a few more of you "fiends" join us. There is plenty of room, and you may be sure of a warm reception.

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900 Posts carried on occupational introduction activities.

Over 108,000 copies of the Flag Code were distributed.

Over 600 Post Education Committees were formed to work with other local interested agencies on plans to keep the schools open during the economic depression.

Practically all Posts co-operate with educational groups in the promotion of American Education Week and Constitution Week.

1914 Boy Scout Troops sponsored by American Legion Posts.

Over one-half million boys participate in the Legion Junior Baseball program each summer.

The Legion helps in the enrollment of candidates for C.M.T.C. camps and in the maintenance of R.O.T.C. units in high schools, colleges and universities.

Hundreds of Posts help promote National Youth Week.

Junior Rifle Clubs have been organized by hundreds of posts.

4-H Clubs have received the attention of a large number of Posts.

7,101 Posts interested themselves in the elimination of fire hazards.

3,000 Posts now have organized emergency relief corps.

This is part of the program carried out by the Legion as it is organized. **HOW IT IS ORGANIZED** - It is organized by departments and posts. Membership is in the national organization by affiliation with a post. There are 58 departments, one in every State in the Union, one in the District of Columbia and others in territorial possessions of the United States and in certain foreign countries. There are 10,000 posts established in every part of the United States and throughout the world.

Because there is a natural desire to perpetuate associations formed under the hardships of war, is one reason to join a veterans organization. Then, too, there is comradeship and strength in organization. Individually, we may weigh but little; organized, our voice and influence will be as far reaching as our organization. The legion is non-political and it is non-sectarian. Those of you who are eligible to join our ranks, we ask to join for the comradeship of fellow veterans.

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The time is close at hand---in fact a mere 11 days stand between the Greenbelt Players and curtain time on April 18 at the theatre. The tempo of production is gradually increasing and will achieve enough momentum to turn in tow performances of exceptional merit.

We have had requests for an idea of what it is all about, what, "BOTH YOUR HOUSES," means, etc. Never being ones to leave our public long in doubt we elucidate.

It is a story of a young and industrious statesman from Nevada who attempts to grasp the traditions and red tape of Congress by the horns and accomplish something for the people who elected him. His opposition is composed of various members of the old guard, case hardened relics of many a debate and filibuster, who at first brand his efforts as being beneath their notice but who later realize him to be a huge and bitter thorn in their collective sides.

There is actually no treason in the whole plot but a good deal of it is directed at our present day mode of government. There is the type of Congressman who will vote on anything so long as he gets his share, the type who is halfway honest and will only indulge in bribe taking to the extent of trading his vote for others. And then of course there are a few who have their principles and stick to them in spite of fire and water.

CONSUMER GROUPS QUIT WORLD'S FAIR

The New York World's Fair has a Consumer Interests Building on its hands without exhibits to fill it.

The Fair Corporation has lost its non-commercial advisors and half its non-commercial consumer exhibits. In their stead are written protests against its commercial exploitation signed by more than a score of experts representing consumer groups, labor unions, cooperatives, federal agencies, universities and scientific foundations. Donald Montgomery, Consumers' Counsel of the Department of Agriculture said his bureau has cancelled plans for an exhibit.

Miss Ruth Ayres, delegate of the American Association of University Women to the Consumer-Retail Council revealed that the committee had tried to interest President Grover A. Whalen of the Fair Corporation in carrying out the announced plans for an educational exhibit, but their "letters were not even answered."

Among the members of the committee who resigned were Dr. J. P. Barbasse, President of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A.; Murray D. Lincoln, Ohio Co-op leader, Emily Newell Blair, former chairman of the Consumers' Advisory Board of N.R.A., Rose Schneiderman, President of the Women's Trade Union League, and Louise Stanley, Chief of the Bureau of Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. In their letters they stated: "We are forced to the conclusion that the purpose of the committee as you see it is solely to advertise the fair to consumers and others and to promote the commercial interests of persons enjoying the confidence of the corporation."

Co-operatives in the New York area will set up a "Co-operative Center" to give information in Co-ops and consumer problems. It will be located at the Co-op Cafeteria at 136 East 44th Street, Manhattan, half a block from Grand Central Station. All co-operatives and others coming to the Fair are invited to visit the "Cooperative Center" which will contain attractive displays as well as serving as a general "Co-op information booth."

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Calendar Of Events

Thursday, April 6		
Orchestra Practice	7:30 P.M.	Music Room
Hobby Club	7:30 P.M.	Work Shop
Women's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Commercial Courses	7:00-10:00 P.M.	High School
Industrial Courses	7:00-10:00 P.M.	High School
Adult Art	8:00 P.M.	Room 223, 225
American Legion	8:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Church Community Service	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Friday, April 7		
Girl Scout Brownies	4:00 P.M.	3-B Eastway
Credit Union	6:30-8:30 P.M.	Meeting Room
C.O.C.	6:30-8:30 P.M.	Meeting Room
Boy Scouts	7:30 P.M.	Social Room
Radio Club	8:00 P.M.	Room 223
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Hebrew Congregation	8:30 P.M.	Music Room
Saturday, April 8		
Children's Gym	9:00 A.M.	Auditorium
Children's Art Class	10:00 A.M.	Social Room
Adult Art Class	2:00 P.M. 4-8	Crescent Road
Bowling League	3:00 P.M.	Hyattsville
Sunday, April 9		
Mass	9:00 A.M.	Theater
Community Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	Auditorium
Community Church	11:00 A.M.	Auditorium
Young People's Society	6:30 P.M.	Social Room
L. D. Saints' Church	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Monday, April 10		
Advanced Dressmaking	8:00 P.M.	Economics Room
Town Council	8:00 P.M.	Council Room
Athletic Assoc. Banquet	8:00 P.M.	Aud. & Soc. Room
Hebrew Congregation	8:30 P.M.	Music Room
Tuesday, April 11		
Dressmaking	2:00 P.M.	Economics Room
Girl Scout Troop #17	3:15 P.M.	Social Room
Women's Basketball	6:30 P.M.	Auditorium
Commercial Courses	7:00-10:00 P.M.	High School
Industrial Courses	7:00-10:00 P.M.	High School
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Adult Art	8:00 P.M.	Room 223, 225
Bridge Club	8:00 P.M.	Hobby Room
Nutrition	8:00 P.M.	Economics Room
Catholic Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Camera Club	8:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Health Association	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Wednesday, April 12		
Art Class	2:00 P.M.	48 Crescent Road
Senior Girl Scouts	7:30 P.M.	2-H Gardenway
Junior Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Community Choir	9:00 P.M.	Music Room
Beginner's Dressmaking	8:00 P.M.	Economics Room
C.O.C. Elections	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium

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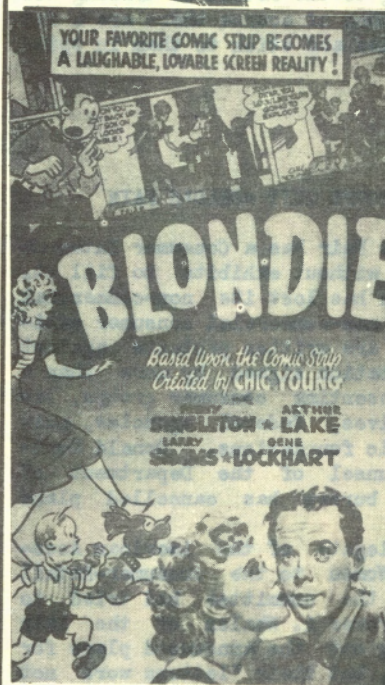
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April 7 & 8

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Sunday & Monday - April 9 & 10



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"Then will I raise aloft the milk-white rose,
With whose sweet smell the air shall be per-
fumed."

The rose has been the symbol of love, of purity, of queenliness - it was dropped from many a balcony as a token of love; they set one rose against another in the War of the Roses; in Italy the rose festivals are still celebrated, and wonderful mosaics are made in the streets with the lovely blossoms; in California the Tournament of Roses is an event which people travel across continents to witness. The rose has been ever present in the life of mankind. No flower is quite so satisfying, or so hard to satisfy. So quick to show neglect, or so grateful for attention. It's a hard job to grow nice roses, but its so well worth the trouble.

Following are five rules which have proven themselves a help in setting out established rose plants:

1. Soak rosebushes in a tub of water for at least an hour before planting. This applies, of course, to the bushes which have been packaged and not those which have been out of the ground for only a short time. Rose roots dry out quickly, and the longer the roots remain dry the less chance you have of getting a healthy, hardy bush.

2. Dig a hole large enough to accomodate the roots, spread out with plenty of room to develop other little rootlets. Don't skimp on the space, and don't bunch the roots together thinking that they will work themselves out through the surrounding soil. You start with a handicap when you start out with cramped roots. Of course, it is assumed that you have previously prepared the soil. It should be dug 14" to 20" and mixed with decayed plant matter of well-rotted manure, leafmold, peatmoss or compost, all excellent. Three pounds of a well-balanced plant food should then be mixed at the ratio of 100 square feet of soil. This can be cut down proportionately for smaller beds.

3. In this nice, big hole, spread the roots out fan-wise, placing the bush down far enough so that the bud-union (the knobby place on the main stem where the rose was budded) will be about an inch below the surface when the hole is filled in.

4. Work fine soil in gently with the fingers so that every little root is covered and not left dangling in an air pocket. Do this until the hole is about half full and then "take 'em swimming." Pour lots of water in. Not hard enough to wash the soil from the roots, but with the stream at the side of the hole. Then toss in the remaining dirt.

5. Now is the time to forget you ever were gentle. Tread heavily on the dirt. Imagine it is the neck of your dearest enemy, and tread! It is said that "gently planted roses soon languish." We'd go farther and say "The harder you stamp, the better they like it." Not on the bush itself, naturally, but round and round with a grim expression, saying all the while "This hurts me more than it hurts you" or "Spare the rod and spoil the child" or some other remark used by parents who are trying to excuse their bad temper by pretending that it's for the good of the child.

And don't forget to keep the plant moist until the new shoots start. And then you feel you've done something. And you have. You've planted a rose!

C.O.C. MEETING WILL START PROMPTLY AT EIGHT

The C.O.C. requests Greenbelters to arrive by eight o'clock, at the public meeting on Wednesday, April 12, as the program will begin on time.

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**with shirts and household
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apparel damp - - - - -**

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5 Pounds Flat - - - - 6c - 30c

5 Pounds Wearing

Apparel - - - - 4c - 20c

TOTAL - - - - 98c

**GREENBELT
VALET SHOP**

Lastner Asks Citizens For Better Dance Attendance

President Frank Lastner at the regular meeting of the Citizens Association, Monday evening, April 3 lambasted the citizens for not attending the Association dances which are held for the benefit of the citizens and to provide funds for the Association. Mr. Lastner stated that the dances would be discontinued if they were not better attended. Mr. Bernard Jones, Treasurer of the Association, indicated that the results of the dance given April 1 showed a loss of approximately \$8.00.

A dance was announced for April 15, the results of which will be a determining factor of the future policy of the Association relative to this activity in Greenbelt.

A debate between the George Washington University and the Princeton University on the subject "Resolved that the United States should form an alliance with Great Britain and France to prevent the spread of Fascism", proved to be an interesting and educational feature of the G.C.A. meeting. After the formal close of the debate the meeting assumed the attitude of a forum with several citizens commenting on the subject in question. The affirmative role was carried by Mr. S. Robin Gensburg and S. A. Wood-Chausac of Princeton and the negative side of the question was ably handled by Messrs. Alton Hemba and Michael McKool of George Washington University.

Reports and announcements were given by the following representatives of organizations and committees:

Mr. Joseph Bargas	-Transportation Committee
Dr. Linden S. Dodson	-Education Committee
Mr. Walter Volckhausen	-C.O.C.
Mr. Raymond D. Hemingway	-Garden Club
Mr. Ralph Cross	-Camera Club

A Letter

To the Editors:

When the COOPERATOR first launched into illustrating its weekly editions with cuts of various places where the Cooperative idea flourished many of us felt it was a very nice gesture - but don't you think on the whole you have kind of left Greenbelt out of consideration.

This is a mighty nice little town, and our Camera Club at its last exhibition showed many views in and about Greenbelt well worth reproducing. When you have space to run a picture why not begin at home. Let us have views of our own "home town", and give our local enthusiasts a look-in. I am sure it would delight many of us to mail out our papers when it contains Greenbelt scenes. How about this suggestion - will you consider it?

Mary Lloyd Willis

An Answer

Dear Mrs. Willis:

Your point is well taken. We should use more Greenbelt pictures. And we do try to use them whenever possible. But newspaper pictures made from original photographs cost a considerable amount of money, and a paper which runs as close to the red as we do cannot often afford extra expenditures.

For this reason only, we have been obliged to use non-Greenbelt pictures, which were furnished us gratis, ready to print.

However, we are amenable to suggestion. As this issue bears witness, we shall use "home-town" pictures whenever possible.

The Editors.



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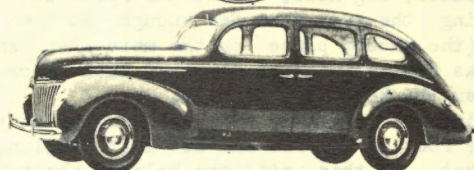
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